

Governor Branstad needs to put the brakes on his unilateral decision to privatize Iowa's Medicaid program.

Turning over the care of more than a half million Iowans—that's one in five of us—to four managed care companies by January 1, 2016 will cause administrative costs jump from 3 to 15 percent, reaching \$600 million. Governor Brandstad's plan states that the overall cost to the state is supposed to fall by \$100 million a year.

The math doesn't add up. The only way these companies can collect the multimillion dollar profits guaranteed them is by denying critical services to Iowans and by failing to fully pay local health care organizations for services they provide.

The managed care companies have yet to sign contracts with the state, so providers are being asked to sign contracts that don't include reimbursement rates. *Medicaid recipients and their families have good reason to be worried about the future.*

The long term care of severely disabled adults and children makes up the bulk of Medicaid services in Iowa. Medicaid also covers prenatal care to pregnant women, health insurance for low-income children, and health care for low income seniors and others.

Please give Iowans who depend on Medicaid and the people and organizations that care for them more time!! And/or change the Governor's plan.

Gayle Warner
Kalona Iowa